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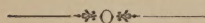
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SCHOOL REPORT.

Your Superintendent respectfully submits the following report for the year ending March 1, 1886:

SUMMER SCHOOLS.

NAMES OF TEACHERS.		Districts.																							
		Wages per month including board.																							
		Number of Weeks.																							
		Number of Scholars.																							
		Boys.																							
		Girls.																							
		Average Attendance.																							
		Not absent one half day.																							
		Under 5 years of age.																							
		Between 5 and 15.																							
		Over 15.																							
		Scholars in Reading.																							
		Spelling.																							
		Writing.																							
		Arithmetic.																							
		Geography.																							
		Grammar.																							
		Drawing.																							
		Higher Studies.																							
		Visits by S. S. Committee.																							
		Visits by Prud. Committee.																							
		Visits by citizens and others.																							

*Grammar.
†Primary.

‡School closed at end of fifth week on account of sickness among the pupils.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEES.		SCHOOL MONEY.
Dist. No. 1,	Burt Bacon,	\$152 60
" "	2, James S. Lacy,	605 76
" "	3, Lyman K. Sawtell,	120 95
" "	4, Frederick Spaulding,	81 61
" "	5, Leonard E. Spaulding,	93 48
" "	6, Marshall C. Adams,	114 22
" "	7, Willie W. Heath,	225 55
" "	8, Charles B. Davis,	155 15
" "	9, William L. Frost,	163 80
" "	11, George G. McCoy,	86 69
" "	12, Mrs. J. W. Fassett,	66 69
" "	13, Edward B. Crowe,	71 98
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		\$1,938 48

Of the above there was raised from assessment, \$1,655.50; from Literary Fund and interest on same, \$282.98. The money was distributed in accordance with the following vote: "One-third among the districts according to the valuation of each district; one-third among the districts according to the number of scholars in each district; the other third equally among the several districts."

Scholars between 5 and 15 years of age not in school during the year,	15
Whole number of different scholars in school during the year—boys, 141; girls, 124—	265
Scholars under six years of age,	23
Scholars over sixteen years of age,	26
Number of children reported by Selectmen, April, 1885, between the ages of 5 and 15—boys, 108; girls, 84—	192
Average daily attendance for the year,	163
Scholars having no absences during the year,	28
Largest number of scholars in any school,	53
Smallest number of scholars in any school,	4
Schools where the average attendance has been less than twelve,	7
Whole length of all the schools, in weeks of five days,	281
Longest school in weeks of five days,	32
Shortest school in weeks of five days,	12
Average length of all the schools, in weeks of five days,	2161

There have been fifteen different teachers—one male and fourteen females. One taught for the first time. One only had attended a normal school. Eleven schools had the same teachers for the year. The highest wages paid any teacher, \$52 per month; the lowest, \$16. Average wages per month for female teachers, \$25. Expense per scholar for the year, \$7.31. Only three school rooms have globes, or other apparatus worthy of the name. Two school houses are utterly unfit for school purposes. The others, with perhaps three exceptions, are much out of repair.

Lippincott's series of readers, six in number, have been introduced, taking the place of the Franklin series. A change of some kind seemed absolutely necessary, as the scholars had become so familiar with the old books that reading from them was in a majority of cases little more than repeating by rote. The new readers were chosen in view of what was thought their intrinsic merits, as well as the favorable terms on which the publishers offered them. The text books now in use are Lippincott's Readers, Swinton's Speller, White's Arithmetics, Harper's Geography, Hutchinson's Physiology, Higginson's Young Folks' History of the United States, and Swinton's Grammars. It speaks well of the schools that, with two exceptions—No. 4, and the Grammar Department of No. 2—the same teachers have taught the entire year. In No. 2, the change, in fact, was simply in name for the winter term, as it went on under the care of Mr. Benjamin, of the Conant High School. A very commendable feature of Mr. Benjamin's teaching was the way in which he set his scholars to thinking for themselves. If at times some of the pupils seemed a little slow in coming to conclusions, far better such slowness than that fatal facility of recitation which rattles off words parrot like, with little or no thought as to their meaning. The teacher's care should be to assist his pupils, not to do their work for them; to lead them to careful thought, not to drive them along in ruts. Hence the true teacher is the one rousing thought, leading scholars to discern differences and apply principles they may have in mind. The mere mention of Miss Robbins and Miss Crombie as the other teachers in this district, is sufficient to indicate the high rank of schools in both the Primary and Grammar Departments.

No. 3 has again taken its place among our best schools. Under the wise and skillful management of Miss Georgia A. Bigelow, all the difficulties of the past two years disappeared, and the school went on from beginning to end without the slightest discord between pupils and teacher. Of the other schools your Superintendent can speak in words of commendation so far as the teachers were concerned. And all things taken into account, he hesitates not to

say the schools, as a whole, have been of a higher order than during any of the previous years he has had them in charge. This is due in a large measure to the care used in the selection of teachers, and the good sense shown in keeping them for the year after they had proved themselves worthy to occupy the places they were in. Some teachers labored under great disadvantage inseparable from poor houses, few scholars, want of suitable apparatus and irregular attendance. This last mentioned evil has been conspicuous in several districts, noticeably so in No. 8.

Of course, industrious and painstaking as our teachers have been, there is chance for improvement. It is therefore with peculiar satisfaction that attention is called to the following act, passed at the last session of the legislature, in relation to the attendance of teachers upon teachers' institutes: "The time, not exceeding three days in any one term, or five days in one year, actually spent by a teacher of any public school in the state in attendance upon a teachers' institute held in accordance with the laws of the state, under the direction of the superintendent of public instruction, shall be considered time lawfully expended by such teacher in the service of the District where such teacher is employed, and no deduction of wages shall be made for such absences. And it shall be the duty of the school committee and boards of education to allow teachers to close their schools for such attendance upon such institute."

Thoroughly trained teachers must be had, if our schools are to be a success. Some of the teachers the last year, with the best of intentions and constant effort, failed of accomplishing what they knew they ought, simply from ignorance how to work to the best advantage. Much time has been lost from want of order in calling and arranging classes, tact in asking questions, and not insisting on pupils answering questions directly in few words. As an illustration of this last mentioned fault, a teacher asks, who was the first president of the United States? Instead of saying George Washington, and stopping, the pupil begins by stating that the United States once belonged to Great Britain, that there was a war between the colonies and the mother country; then goes on to tell this thing and that, until finally, after a five or ten minutes talk, he comes round to the answer. Our teachers need to understand, as many of them do not, the importance of doing a little and doing that well, rather than running over many things superficially.

Electives may have their place in our higher schools. Upon this I am not called to pronounce an opinion, but I do say they have no place in the district school. There the pupil is to learn the lesson assigned him, because he is supposed to be under the care of one competent of deciding what it is best for him to do. The question

so often asked pupils by parents and others, "have you a good school?" is pernicious in the extreme, as indicating the very child is as competent of judging what a school should be as the one placed over it as teacher. Then, too, nothing ought to be more absurd than the thought of asking a child what he would like to study. Fancy a teacher calling in a solemn, formal tone, to a boy ten years of age, who can with difficulty stumble through a sentence of the easiest reading, and who has never made the first attempt at writing, "*Mr. Smith*, you may come here and tell me what studies you propose to pursue this term." Such a case has come under the notice of your Superintendent, though he is happy to state not during the last year. Truly the world moves! And yet there are teachers even now who virtually do the same thing, and there are parents who "wish their children to study what they, the children, like best."

My own impression is, after considerable observation, that the first years at school are the most important years of life, and that the training then received goes farther than at any subsequent period towards forming character. It is affirmed with no fear of successful contradiction, that the so called self-made men were what they were through influences brought to bear on them in their earliest years. Certainly Abraham Lincoln, Horace Greeley, Hugh Miller, and others like them, have attributed all they were able to accomplish to the influences brought to bear on them before they were able to decide for themselves what it was best for them to do, by strong minded, sensible, though in the technical sense of the word uneducated parents and friends. They were taught to do a few things and do them well, without being asked if the course met with their approval. Hence the foundation was laid which enabled them to far outstrip those whom we often fancy had greater advantages. Brighter and better scholars come, for the most part, from some schools rather than from others, not so much because of the better materials in those schools to begin with, as from the fact the material is better wrought on. Therefore it is we need the best teachers it is possible to have in our common schools; teachers who have training, experience and common sense enough to understand their pupils' needs, and meet them morally and intellectually; who will train them in essentials, and so help them lay foundations on which they can build through life, however long that life.

Daniel Webster is reported as saying he was never in company with one from whom he did not learn something, however ignorant the person. Such careful observation ought to be the result of the teaching in all our schools. That it may be, our teachers must first practice it themselves. The impression left on my mind, after the care of our schools for a term of years, is, that the training in many

of them has been such as to leave the scholars with so little thought and power of observation that they find it difficult to learn after they go into the world for themselves. I am well aware that teachers should not be held responsible when crippled by circumstances beyond their control, as has been the case in some of our schools.

The keeping so many teachers for the whole year has been a great improvement on the past. Let us now reorganize our schools by reducing them to the proper number; by repairing and furnishing our school houses in such a way there shall be means for good work, and then select trained teachers, paying them wages enough so they can be kept from year to year. By such course there is no reason why all our schools should not be what some of them have been—first class.

ROLL OF HONOR.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Not absent or tardy during the year:

Carl R. Walker.

For one term:

Lillian A. Morse,
Bessie A. Garfield,
Elsie C. Annett,

Oliver H. Morse,
Ernest B. Garfield,

Warren H. Morse,
Marian E. Garfield,
Maryetta Annett.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Primary Department.

For the year:

Annie Chaquette,
Napoleon Chaquette,

Frank LeClare,

Octaviè Simoneau,
Velarié Simoneau.

For two terms:

Emma Dame,
Roxana J. Mower,
Fred Baubalee,
George H. Duncan,

Walter J. Wellman,
Bertha E. Mower,
Philip Baubalee,

Roy Hodge,
Arthur Simoneau,
Jean W. Towns,
Elmer W. Webster.

For one term:

Elsie D. Mower,
Johnnie Costello,
Willie Chaquette,
Arthur Pierce,
Robert Kidder,

Johnnie White,
Malvina Chaquette,
Cora A. Cutter,
Lizzie M. Flagg,

Jessie E. Goodnow,
Annie Linnell,
Alfonso Baubalee,
James Jolly,
Arthur Baubalee.

Grammar Department.

For two terms:

Mary B. Bartlett,

Lillian F. Wilder,
Enola L. Towne.

Arthur H. Sawyer,

For one term:

Lenora R. Coburn,
Hattie W. Hill,
Myrtie I. Hodge,
Herbert A. Bixby,

Eddie T. Costello,
Lester A. Coburn,
Joseph Simoneau,
Chester Wellman,

Homer White,
Fannie H. Kittredge,
Harry W. Jewett,
Harry F. Whitehead.

DISTRICT No. 3.

For two terms:

Grace A. Chamberlain, Mary L. Goff, Abbie A. Underwood,

For one term:

Roy Chamberlain.

DISTRICT No. 5.

For two terms:

Maud B. Adams, Roy Platts.

For one term:

Lizzie E. Auger, Warren D. Field, Winnie Field,
Bertha Platts, Addie L. Auger, George E. Field,
Mertie Platts.

DISTRICT No. 6.

For one term:

John A. Derby, James H. Derby, Flossie L. Mann,
Kate F. McCarthy.

DISTRICT No. 7.

For two terms:

Grace Heath, Winnie Gilmore, Annie Brown,
Annie Lawrence.

For one term:

George Brown, Willie Wallace, Thomas Quinn,
Lester Byrant, Daniel Donnelly, Martha Bunce,
Walter Lawrence, Lewis Bunce, Lucia Cutter,
Nina Spaulding, Rachel Spaulding.

DISTRICT No. 8.

For two terms:

Bertha B. Pierce, Willie B. Davis, Alta M. Pierce.

For one term:

Henry A. Lindsay, Ella W. Cleaves, Milton A. Richardson.

DISTRICT No. 9.

For the year:

John P. Garfield.

For two terms:

Loren W. Lawrence.

DISTRICT No. 11.

For two terms:

Alice E. McCoy, Ernest T. McCoy.

For one term:

Clifford F. Baldwin, Arthur E. Poole, Ethel L. Baldwin.

DISTRICT No. 12.

For one term:

Arthur H. Haskell, Bessie A. Haskell, Nellie J. Haskell,
Roscoe E. Rugg.

DISTRICT No. 13.

For one term:

Maggie Crowe, Helen Prescott.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. W. LIVINGSTON,

Superintendent of Schools.

Jaffrey, N. H., February 15, 1886.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

The Selectmen of the town of Jaffrey respectfully submit the following report of the financial affairs of the town, for the year ending March 1, 1886:

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Alfred Sawyer, Selectman, for the year ending January 1, 1886,	\$83 50
Joseph W. Fassett, Selectman, for the year ending January 1, 1886,	70 00
Julius Cutter, Selectman, for the year ending January 1, 1886,	89 00
Joseph P. Frost, Town Clerk for 1885,	10 00
Estate of C. H. Powers, Town Treasurer, to Oct. 16, 1885,	12 00
J. B. Twiss, Town Treasurer to March 1, 1886,	13 00
M. M. Bascom, Collector of Taxes for 1885,	50 00
W. W. Livingston, Superintendent of Schools for 1885.	50 00
J. W. Fassett, Overseer of the Poor,	49 00
J. S. Lacy and J. P. Frost, Auditors 1885,	4 00
Charles Cutter, Truant Officer for 1884-5,	10 00
Wm. L. Frost, Supervisor,	6 00
C. W. Warren, Supervisor,	6 00
H. D. Upton, Supervisor,	6 00
N. W. Mower, Policeman to Mar. 11, 1885,	10 00
N. W. Mower, Policeman to Mar. 1, 1886,	5 00
N. W. Mower, Sexton,	36 00
M. E. Cutter, Sexton,	7 50
G. C. Duncan, Liquor Agent,	50 00
Edwin R. Cutter, Policeman, 1884-5,	5 00
	\$572 00

BREAKING ROADS.

Paid Albert Pierce,	\$17 97
C. W. Fassett,	16 02
Jonathan Page,	10 53
Fred J. Lawrence,	20 10
Fred I. Stevens,	21 75
B. F. Lawrence,	18 20
Daniel P. Adams,	23 85
J. W. Fassett,	23 70
L. N. Willoughby,	48 32
Levi P. Towne,	20 69
Clark M. Pierce,	6 12
Lucius A. Cutter,	9 78
Marshall C. Adams,	77 91
Frederic Spaulding,	13 68
John B. Shedd,	7 25
Wm. L. Frost,	17 28
Elliott O. Prescott,	8 83
Benjamin F. Prescott,	13 97

A. J. Adams,	28 58
G. G. McCoy,	10 17
M. D. Fitzgerald,	4 50
D. C. Chamberlain,	16 54
Lucius A. Garfield,	8 55
Alfred Sawyer,	18 63
Charles A. Baldwin,	23 94
A. LaRock,	13 27
G. A. Emory,	1 44
E. C. Boynton,	14 04
Henry M. Stearns,	7 38

\$522 99

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid M. C. Adams, labor and stringers,	8 76
Charles A. Baldwin, labor on highway,	1 89
Jonathan Page, labor on highway,	10 44
Benjamin F. Lawrence, labor on highway,	49 10
Benjamin F. Lawrence, labor on bridges,	2 04
Lucius A. Cutter, labor on highway,	20 06
Charles Cutter, " " "	50 51
J. W. Fassett, " " "	17 34
Alfred Sawyer, " " "	43 08
Alfred Sawyer, " " "	37 16
Alfred Sawyer, " " " near Long Pond,	13 10
Luke Nutting, labor on highway,	26 48
Luke Nutting, labor on bridge and material furnished,	47 05
Charles W. Fassett, labor on highway,	35 21
Fred Spaulding, " " "	29 91
M. C. Adams, " " "	64 02
D. C. Chamberlain, " " "	41 01
L. N. Willoughby, " " "	44 77
John B. Shedd, " " "	57 08
M. D. Fitzgerald, " " "	7 92
E. C. Boynton, labor on bridges,	7 39
A. J. Adams, labor on highway,	25 97
E. C. Boynton, labor on highway,	3 30
Fred J. Lawrence, labor on highway,	44 28
Levi P. Towne, labor on highway,	40 50
Levi P. Towne, labor on bridges,	9 01
G. G. McCoy, labor on highway,	47 97
Wm. L. Frost, labor on highway,	31 59
E. B. Crowe, labor on highway,	43 56
Fred I. Stevens, labor on highway,	35 82
Menzell S. French, tile furnished,	19 20
Charles Cutter, labor on highway,	18 82
David C. Chamberlain, getting out stones,	38 60
Solomon Garfield, labor on highway,	33 07
Daniel Donnelly, labor putting in tile,	3 30
Michael Donnelly, labor putting in tile,	3 20
C. W. Fassett, labor getting out stone,	13 53
A. J. Adams, labor on highway,	7 47
J. B. Shedd, labor on highway,	4 32
Fred Spaulding, labor on highway,	6 17

Levi P. Towne, labor on highway,	6 12	
Clark M. Pierce, labor on highway,	59 74	
Clark M. Pierce, labor on bridges,	10 44	
M. C. Adams, labor on highway,	3 60	
B. F. Lawrence, " "	7 63	
J. W. Fassett, " "	24 58	
Luke Nutting, " "	5 26	
Daniel P. Adams, " "	37 40	
Wm. L. Frost, " "	3 42	
Alfred Sawyer, " "	6 06	
Jonathan Page, " "	1 80	
Lucius A. Cutter, " "	3 96	
A. S. Raymond, bridge plank,	60 71	
W. H. Ingraham, work on sidewalk,	1 50	
John Garfield, work on highway,	2 16	
Geo. Fairbanks, housing machine,	5 00	
John B. Shedd, railing poles and putting on,	6 36	
G. G. McCoy, labor on highway,	5 22	
E. B. Crowe,	12 53	
	<hr/>	\$1,307 49

TAXES ABATED.

Paid Kate W. Fox,	\$7 97	
Dexter Derby,	1 12	
Mrs. L. R. Farnum,	1 29	
	<hr/>	\$10 38

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid M. M. Bascom, cash paid out,	\$ 18 26	
M. M. Bascom, pay for firemen,	173 73	
M. M. Bascom, bill for supplies,	4 95	
M. M. Bascom, steward's bills,	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$201 94

TAXES PAID.

Paid State tax, by J. B. Twiss, Treasurer,	\$1,892 00	
County tax, " " "	1,310 48	
	<hr/>	\$3,202 48

SHEEP DAMAGE BY DOGS.

Paid Clifton A. Sawyer,	\$ 3 00	
W. A. Scott,	4 00	
A. B. Davis,	16 00	
Geo. A. Underwood,	18 00	
	<hr/>	\$41 00

TOWN LIBRARY.

Paid J. S. Lacy, Town Library appropriation,	\$150 00	
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RINGING BELLS.

Paid B. F. Lawrence, ringing town bell,	\$35 00	
W. H. Goodnow, ringing bell to April 1, 1885,	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$50 00

OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

Paid J. W. Fassett,	\$265 00	
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TOWN BONDS, NOTES AND INTEREST PAID.

Paid C. H. Powers, Treas., coupons paid,	\$ 322 00
“ “ int. paid on note,	102 00
“ “ int. paid on note,	25 00
J. B. Twiss, Treas., two notes paid at the bank,	900 00
int. paid on above notes,	28 45
Amount due Conant repair-	
ing fund from town,	190 24
coupons paid,	276 00
note and interest paid,	1,846 20
int. paid at bank,	25 00
Town Bonds redeemed,	300 00
coupons paid,	392 00
cash in Treasury belonging	
to Literary Fund,	55 00
int. on Literary Fund due	
from town,	36 80
	<hr/> \$4,498 69

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Michael Downs, expense of burying two	
of his children,	\$ 6 00
J. B. Twiss, printing 250 orders,	1 00
O. H. Bradley, returning births and deaths,	4 25
J. W. Fassett, cash paid for blank books,	1 95
Benjamin F. Lawrence, sawing wood, &c.,	2 00
Gurley A. Phelps, returning births and deaths,	1 25
E. H. Bailey, for care of town clock,	10 00
Charles Haskell, damage on sleigh,	2 75
Geo. W. Taft, steel edge for machine,	6 00
Farnum & Scott, printing reports,	35 00
F. S. Pierce, insuring town house,	75 00
G. W. Taft, steel edge for machine,	4 00
Benjamin F. Lawrence, labor in old cemetery,	12 70
Lane & Dole, counsel,	5 00
Margaret Downs, cash paid for burying Michael	
Downs,	4 50
G. H. Tilden, for book to record taxes in,	15 75
J. H. Poole, for decoration,	35 00
Alfred Sawyer, cash paid out,	2 60
Alfred Sawyer, bounties paid on woodchucks,	5 90
J. W. Fassett, bounties paid on woodchucks,	2 10
Julius Cutter, bounties on woodchucks,	4 80
Farnum & Scott, printing invoice books,	35 00
Ellen McCarthy, watering tub furnished,	3 00
A. J. Adams, labor and gate to west cemetery,	9 32
M. E. Cutter, mowing old cemetery, 1884,	4 00
G. A. Phelps, returning birth and death,	50
B. F. Lawrence, mowing cemetery, 1885,	3 00
B. F. Lawrence, repairing bell, getting settees, &c.,	1 75
Samuel D. Jewell, watering tub,	3 00
George F. Potter, sawing and putting in wood,	50
Leonard F. Sawyer, watering tub,	3 00
J. P. Frost, recording and returning 56 births,	
deaths and marriages,	8 40

J. P. Frost, drawing and notifying jurors,	4 00	
J. P. Frost, stationery and express,	75	
Julius Cutter, cash paid out,	4 14	
D. A. Coburn, care of watering tub,	6 00	
D. A. Coburn, work on road machine, &c.,	4 10	
Benjamin Pierce, watering tub,	3 00	
R. A. Hubbard, teams furnished,	2 00	
Lane & Dole, in case of town vs. Batchelders,	16 38	
H. B. Aldrich, permits for burial,	4 65	
J. W. Fassett, cash paid for check lists, &c.,	1 00	
W. W. Livingston, books furnished, &c.,	4 75	
F. S. Pierce, in case of J. M. Darling, foreclosure,	11 74	
B. F. Lawrence, cleaning stove funnel, &c.,	1 75	
J. B. Twiss, getting mortgage recorded,	64	
J. B. Twiss, cost in case of P. Ring,	29 12	
N. W. Mower, mowing cemetery,	2 50	
		<hr/> \$405 54

SCHOOL MONEY.

Paid Burt Bacon, District No. 1,	\$152 60	
James S. Lacy, 2,	605 76	
L. R. Sawtell, 3,	120 95	
Fred Spaulding, 4,	81 61	
L. E. Spaulding, 5,	93 48	
M. C. Adams, 6,	114 22	
W. W. Heath, 7,	225 55	
Charles B. Davis, 8,	155 15	
Wm. L. Frost, 9-10,	163 80	
G. G. McCoy, 11,	86 69	
Emily L. Fassett, 12,	66 69	
E. B. Crowe, 13,	71 98	
		<hr/> \$1,938 48

RECAPITULATION.

Town Officers,	\$ 572 00	
Breaking Roads,	522 99	
Highways and Bridges,	1,307 49	
Taxes Abated,	10 38	
Taxes Paid,	3,202 48	
Fire Department,	201 94	
Sheep Damage done by Dogs,	41 00	
Ringing Bells,	50 00	
Overseer of the Poor,	265 00	
Town Bonds, Notes and Interest Paid,	4,498 69	
Miscellaneous Expenses,	405 54	
School Money,	1,938 48	
Library Appropriation,	150 00	
		<hr/> \$13,165 99

Amount of 199 orders drawn by the Selectmen for the
year ending March 1, 1886. \$13,165 99

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Outstanding 6 per cent. bonds,	\$10,200 00	
Outstanding 4 per cent. bonds,	4,700 00	
Library Notes,	1,000 00	
Due the Literary Fund,	736 12	
		<hr/> \$16,636 12

ASSETS.

Cash in the Treasury,	\$821 54
Taxes due for 1885, good,	416 41
	<hr/> \$ 1,237 95
	\$15,398 17
Indebtedness for 1885,	\$17,395 10
Indebtedness for 1886,	15,398 17
	<hr/> \$1,996 93

ALFRED SAWYER, } Selectmen
 JOSEPH W. FASSETT, } of
 JULIUS CUTTER, } Jaffrey.

Jaffrey, Feb. 15, 1886.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

I make the following report of an examination of my predecessor's accounts between the time of his last report and his death in October, 1885, together with the account of the Collector, to the time of my taking the office:

DR.

To cash on hand as per last report,	\$ 647 52
Louis Jolly, rent of Darling place,	14 00
J. W. Fassett, overseer,	150 00
Selectmen (borrowed),	2,700 00
Town Clerk, billiard table licenses,	13 50
State Treasurer, bounty on Woodchucks,	40 40
Mrs. Donovan, interest on note to Literary Fund,	5 50
Charles Miller, payment on Darling place,	55 00
Taxes outstanding 1884,	173 97
Taxes 1885,	2,687 78
	<hr/> \$6,487 67

CR.

113 orders paid,	\$3,595 45
Cash on hand,	976 49
Cash in hands of collector,	1,915 73
	<hr/> \$6,487 67

I make the following report of my accounts since taking office, Nov. 24, 1885:

Dr.	
Balance in hands of former Treasurer,	\$ 976 49
M. M. Bascom, collector,	6,168 26
Town Clerk, biliard table licenses,	13 50
Drawn from State Insurance Tax,	7 50
R. R. Tax,	112 58
Savings Bank Tax,	2,858 90
Literary Fund,	173 24
F. S. Pierce, shingles sold on execution,	16 25
Interest on Literary Fund,	65 36
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	\$10,392 08
Cr.	
86 orders paid,	\$9,570 54
Cash on hand,	821 54
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	\$10,392 08

FOR THE YEAR.	
Total amount received by me,	\$10,392 08
Amount received by C. H. Powers, less amount turned over to me,	3,595 45
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	\$13,987 53
Amount of 199 orders paid during the year,	\$13,165 99
Cash on hand,	821 54
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	\$13,987 53

LITERARY FUND.		Principal.	In't paid.
Mortgage and note of J. R. Stanley, signed Jan. 1, 1878,	\$	250 00	\$15 00
Mortgage and note of Chas. Miller, signed August 14, 1885,		200 00	
Mortgage and note of John Mann, signed Jan 1, 1878,		226 00	13 56
Mortgage and note of Anna M. Don- ovan, signed Sept. 25, 1879,		204 00	5 50
3 shares Monadnock National Bank stock,		300 00	
Note of Oliver Bacon, signed Dec. 30, 1875,		27 00	
Town of Jaffrey Bonds (6 per cent.),	1,000	00	
Note of town of Jaffrey, dated March 1, 1885,		736 12	36 80
Deposited in Monadnock Savings Bank,		55 00	
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		\$2,998 12	
Amount of Interest paid into Treasury,			\$70 86

CONANT REPAIRING FUND.	
Mortgage and note of Ellen McCarthy,	\$500 00
Deposited in Monadnock Savings Bank,	924 19
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	\$1,424 19

JESSE B. TWISS, Treasurer.

Jaffrey, March 1, 1886.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE CONANT HIGH
SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDING
FEBRUARY, 1886.

1885.	Received.	Paid.
February, to cash on hand as per last report,	\$ 287 66	
July 2, tuition,	3 00	
“ “ int. on \$9,200 Jaffrey bonds, 6 per cent.,	552 00	
“ “ int. on \$200 N. H. bonds, 6 per cent.,	12 00	
Mar. 4, express from Washington on map,		85
Apr. 27, G. A. Underwood, one cord of wood,		\$ 4 00
May 2, Georgia A. Bigelow, teacher,		38 50
“ “ A. S. Annis, teacher Spring term, 1885,		192 50
June 29, J. B. Twiss, printing circulars,		2 25
July 2, J. T. Bigelow, for janitor,		8 00
“ “ J. T. Bigelow, for cutting wood,		50
“ “ J. T. Bigelow, for crayons,		18
Nov. 14, F. E. Benjamin, teacher,		198 00
“ 16, Celia F. Slason, teacher,		88 00
Dec. 18, Wm. E. Goodnow, four cords of wood,		14 00
1886.		
Feb., A. B. Davis, cutting wood,		3 00
“ balance cash on hand,		304 88
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	\$854 66	\$854 66

H. D. UPTON, } Trustees of the
JAMES S. LACY, } Conant
J. T. BIGELOW, } School Fund.

East Jaffrey, Feb., 1886.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE CONANT INDI-
GENT FUND.

By cash on hand as per last report,	\$52 41	
Interest on Kansas Pacific R. R. bond,	60 00	
Dividend on Cheshire R. R. stock,	64 00	
Interest on Ole Davidson mortgage,	70 00	
	<hr/>	\$246 41
Assistance rendered:—		
Mrs. Ira Rice,	\$46 88	
Mrs. L. K. Farnum,	16 50	
Mrs. Michael Downs and family,	30 49	
A. B. Davis, on account of assistance rendered		
Jennie E. Davis to Jan. 1, 1886,	45 05	
Alvah Stanley,	24 30	
James T. Brown,	15 00	
Levi Pollard,	10 00	
Cash on hand,	58 19	
	<hr/>	\$246 41

JOSEPH W. FASSETT, } Trustees of
SOPHIA A. UPTON, } Conant
SARAH E. LAWRENCE, } Indigent Fund.

Jaffrey, February 15, 1886.

TRUSTEES' REPORT OF PUBLIC LIBRARY, FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1886.

RECEIPTS.

Balance cash on hand,	\$ 5 18	
Cash from town,	150 00	
Cash from fines,	11 70	
Cash from catalogues,	80	
	<hr/>	\$167 68

EXPENDITURES.

Cash paid for care of library and rent,	\$60 00	
Cash paid for printing,	3 00	
Cash paid for express,	3 38	
Cash paid for books,	12 38	
Cash paid for table and desk,	10 92	
Cash paid for rebinding 72 books,	18 00	
Cash paid for binding 17 books,	6 80	
Balance on hand,	53 20	
	<hr/>	\$167 68

There are now in the library, books bought February, 1883,	717
Contributions from old library,	141
Contributions by United States Government,	25
Contributions by State of New Hampshire,	6
Bound magazines,	50
Bound magazines presented by J. H. Fox, Esq.,	6
Purchased in 1885,	76
Purchased in 1886,	3
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Total number of volumes, 1024

\$24.50 are now required to pay subscriptions to periodicals for 1886, which will leave only a balance of \$28.70 to be expended. Books to this amount will at once be placed in the library.

It will be seen by reference to expenditures that the binding of magazines, and the rebinding of old books make quite a large item. And, of course, as the library increases in size the expense of keeping the books in repair will increase. This in addition to pay of librarian, express charges and other incidentals, will use up the larger part of \$150.00, the sum which the town has annually appropriated since the opening of the library. It is respectfully suggested that an appropriation of at least \$200.00 is required for the current year, to place in the library but a small part of the books needed there.

The circulation of books the past year has been from one hundred and twenty-five to one hundred and sixty volumes a week. It is a matter of congratulation that so many good books have gone into the different families, and at the same time the trustees can but

think it would have been more profitable if the reading had taken a wider range, not excluding the lighter forms, but including more of history, biography and science. The saying, common among the Germans, that the good should never be allowed to take the place of the better, may well be borne in mind in this connection.

Let us, by liberal appropriation, make our library what it ought to be, and then use it as it should be used, to bring ourselves into communion with all the best thought of the past and present time. James Russell Lowell, in an address a few days since, said very pertinently, "The opening of a free public library is a most important event in the history of any town. A college training is an excellent thing; but after all, the better part of every man's education is that which he gives himself, and it is for this that a good library should furnish the opportunity and the means. I have sometimes thought that our public schools undertook to teach too much, and that the older system, which taught merely the three R's, and taught them well, leaving natural selection to decide who should go further, was the better."

O. H. BRADLEY,	}	Trustees.
JAMES S. LACY,		
WILLIAM W. LIVINGSTON,		

REPORT OF THE OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

TOWN OF JAFFREY.

DR.

To cash paid for the support of Abner Stanley, to Jan. 1, 1886,	\$141 68
To cash paid for the support of Mrs. Polly Hodge, to April 7, 1885,	27 41
To cash paid for the support of Mrs. Nancy Rines, to Jan. 1, 1886,	77 76
To cash paid for the support of Mrs. Mary Bige- low, to July 3, 1885,	21 71
To cash paid for the support of Simon W. Todd, to April 7, 1885,	74 76
To cash paid for the support of C. W. Raymond, to Oct. 20, 1885,	47 41
To assistance rendered the family of Philip King,	15 36

To assistance rendered Peter Myett,	15 50	
To assistance rendered Joseph Montteny and family,	30 26	
To assistance rendered Mrs. Mary Bosley, to July 3, 1885,	18 90	
To assistance rendered John Sherkee,	1 10	
To assistance rendered William Naylor,	21 00	
To cash paid Charles H. Powers, Town Treasurer, money received of county,	150 00	
To assistance rendered Charles F. Hill, and conveying him to asylum,	35 15	
To expenses conveying Nora LaMoro and child, and Adelia Jolly, to the county almshouse,	7 50	
To cash paid for examining pauper claims, postage and stationery,	16 17	
To cash paid for keeping nine destitute transient persons,	6 00	
To cash in Overseer's hands,	26 79	
		<u>\$734 46</u>
CR.		
By cash received of Town Treasurer,	\$265 00	
By cash of County Treasurer,	464 96	
By cash in Overseer's hands; Feb. 17, 1885,	4 50	
		<u>\$734 46</u>
Amount due from the County,		\$163 61
JOSEPH W. FASSETT, Overseer of the Poor.		
Jaffrey, February 15, 1886.		

LIQUOR AGENT'S REPORT.

G. C. DUNCAN, in acct. with the town of Jaffrey:

DR.		
To cash as per last report,	\$45 22	
To goods as per last report,	67 66	
To kegs as per last report,	7 90	
		<u>\$120 78</u>
To cash from sales,		197 18
		<u>\$317 96</u>
CR.		
By cash paid for liquors,		\$121 11
By cash paid for express,		4 45
By cash on hand,	\$116 84	
By liquors on hand,	29 73	
By kegs, &c., on hand,	7 90	
		<u>\$154 47</u>
Balance, profit,		37 93
		<u>\$317 96</u>

ENGINEER'S REPORT.

Since my last report the fire department has been called out twice.

1st. On June 8th, fire was discovered in the house of James T. Brown. There was some delay in giving the alarm, and the house was consumed. The department rendered good service in saving the shed and outbuildings.

2d. On August 11th, Messrs. White Brothers had their annual fire in their drying house. The department was called out, but the engine was not used, as the force pumps at the factory was all that was needed.

I think the fire company is the best we have had for many years.

Expense of the department for the past year:

Pay of firemen,	\$173 73
Steward's bills, supplies and repairs,	26 47
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	\$200 20

M. M. BASCOM, Chief Engineer.

East Jaffrey, Feb. 18th, 1886.

We, the undersigned, have examined the reports of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Treasurer of the Literary Fund, Overseer of the Poor, and the report of the Trustees and Securities of the Conant Indigent Fund and Conant High School Fund, the report of the Trustees of the Town Library, Fire Department, Liquor Agent's report, and find them fully vouched and correctly cast.

JAMES S. LACY,	} Auditors.
JOSEPH P. FROST,	
RUSSELL H. KITTRIDGE,	

